

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A universal collar that attaches to a pump and, in turn, a container used in a
2 dispenser having a keyplate, the universal collar comprising: a body having
3 a first flange and a second flange, wherein said flanges extend outward and
4 are axially spaced from each other for receiving the keyplate therebetween.
- 1 2. The universal collar of Claim 1, wherein said flanges are connected on a
2 forward side of the universal collar by a vertically extending rib.
- 1 3. The universal collar of Claim 1, wherein at least one of said flanges defines
2 a notch on a rearward side thereof for receiving a projecting portion of the
3 dispenser.
- 1 4. The universal collar of Claim 3, wherein said notch is centered within said
2 flange on said rearward side.
- 1 5. The universal collar of Claim 1, wherein said body includes a top edge, said
2 top edge defining a locating recess for receipt of a projection on the
3 container, said recess having a base and a pair of upstanding sides, wherein
4 said sides are circumferentially spaced from each other for receipt of the
5 projection therebetween.
- 1 6. The universal collar of Claim 5, wherein one of said sides extends
2 perpendicular to said base and the other of said sides extends obliquely
3 relative to said base.
- 1 7. The universal collar of Claim 5, wherein said top edge extends axially

2 upward relative to said first flange and extends in a circular fashion to
3 circumscribe a portion of the container.

1 8. A universal collar comprising a hollow cylindrical collar having a first
2 flange and a second flange extending at least rearwardly therefrom, and
3 axially spaced to define a receiver clearance therebetween.

1 9. The universal collar of claim 4, wherein said flanges extend radially outward
2 from said collar, each flange defining a notch that opens rearwardly relative
3 to said collar.

1 10. A universal collar used in conjunction with a container for securement of the
2 container within a soap dispenser that has a housing that defines a container
3 recess and has a receiver that includes a keyplate, the container comprising a
4 hollow body having a neck portion; and

5 a universal collar comprising a body defining a bore, wherein said
6 universal collar fits over said neck portion and receives said neck portion
7 within said bore, and a pair of generally horizontal planar flanges extending
8 radially outward from said universal collar and axially spaced from each
9 other for receipt of the keyplate therebetween.